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AN ACT to prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors.

Commencement: June 25, 1966
Source: M.I. Code (1975)
Amended By: P.L. 1993-74 P.L. 2003-101

§201. Short title.

This Chapter may be cited as the "Sale of Tobacco to Minors Act 1966".

§202. Interpretation.

As used in this Chapter, "minor" means any individual under eighteen (18) years of age. [Added by P.L. 1993-74, §2(2).]

§203. Sale of tobacco to minors.

- (1) The sale or distribution of cigarettes and tobacco products, including chewing tobacco, by any manufacturer, retailer, or distributor of such products, or any other person, to any minor for any reason is hereby prohibited.
- (2) The;
 - (a) smoking of cigarettes and other tobacco products by a minor; or
 - (b) chewing of any chewable tobacco products by a minor; or

- (c) encouragement or coercion of, or influencing a minor to smoke or chew any tobacco products;

is hereby prohibited. [M.I. Code 1975), §15.106; amended by P.L. 1993-74, §2(3)][amended by P.L. 2003-101]

§204. Penalties.

Any person found guilty of violating this law or of assisting toward such a violation shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than thirty (30) days, or both. [M.I. Code (1975) §15.107.]

§205. Enforcement.

The Attorney-General or its designee shall:

- (1) annually coordinate and supervise random, unannounced inspections to ensure compliance with such law; and
- (2) prepare and submit to the Minister of Health and Environment, at the end of each fiscal year, a written report describing the following:
 - (a) the activities carried out to enforce such law during the preceding fiscal year; and
 - (b) the extent of success achieved in reducing the availability of tobacco products to minors during such fiscal year; and
 - (c) the strategies to be utilized for enforcing such law in the next fiscal year. [added by P.L. 1993-74, §2(4).]

§206. Authority of the Secretary to advertize.

The Secretary of the Ministry of Health is hereby authorized to display conspicuously in or at any public place or business premises, including retail shops, wholesale shops, hotel lobbies, movie theater, restaurants, small take-out shops, schools and other government buildings, an advertisement to the general public on the dangers related to the smoking of cigarettes and other tobacco products. [added by P.L.2003-101]